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MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate met at 4:00 p.m., and was called to order by Mr. Speaker McNally.

PRAYER

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Pastor G. Allen Jackson of World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a guest of Senator Ketron.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Ketron led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF TENNESSEE

Senator Ketron led the Senate in the Salute to the Flag of Tennessee.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present 33

Senators present were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--33.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources begs leave to report that we have carefully considered and recommend for passage: Senate Bills Nos. 650 with amendment, 1062 with amendment, 1828 with amendment, 1914 with amendment, 2033 with amendment and 2108 with amendment; also, recommend that Senate Bill No. 2231 with amendment be referred to Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

SOUTHERLAND, Chairperson March 15, 2018

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Bills Nos. 650 with amendment, 1062 with amendment, 1828 with amendment, 1914 with amendment, 2033 with amendment and 2108 with amendment to the Committee on Calendar.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Bill No. 2231 with amendment to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

PRESENTATION

Senator Harris presented **Senate Resolution No. 145** to Mr. Justin J. Pearson.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 32 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, **Senate Bill No. 2739** be passed on first consideration, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The Speaker announced the following bill was filed for introduction and passed first consideration:

Senate Bill No. 2739 by Senator Norris.

Mason -- Subject to local approval, revises conditions under which a vacancy is declared on the board of mayor and alderman for the Town of Mason; removes authority of non-resident property owners to vote in town elections; provides mayor, rather than board, with authority to organize departments and offices of town government; revises mayor's duties; establishes the procedure for adoption and preservation of ordinances. Amends Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2009.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 32 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, **House Bills Nos. 1534, 1573, 1601, 1667, 1717, 1765, 1927, 2069, 2116, 2202, 2247 and 2387** be passed on first consideration, which motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

The Speaker announced the following House Bills were transmitted to the Senate and passed first consideration:

- **House Bill No. 1534** -- Local Education Agencies -- As introduced, revises provisions governing the percentage of student achievement test scores comprising a student's final grade in certain subjects. Amends TCA Section 49-1-617.
- **House Bill No. 1573** -- Special License Plates -- As introduced, authorizes surviving spouses of deceased national guard members to continue use of, or obtain formerly held, national guard license plates. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3.
- **House Bill No. 1601** -- Agriculture -- As introduced, authorizes the creation of a corn promotion board and an assessment of one cent per bushel sold if a majority of corn producers voting in a referendum on the question vote in favor of such measures. Amends TCA Title 43.
- **House Bill No. 1667** -- Process, Service of -- As introduced, authorizes, in an action by landlord to repossess landlord's property, service of process on a contractually named party and not just on an adult found in possession of property. Amends TCA Section 29-18-115.

House Bill No. 1717 -- Alcoholic Beverages -- As introduced, restructures delivery service license fees to be based on number of delivery drivers; allows delivery service to have employees or independent contractors. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 4.

House Bill No. 1765 -- Local Education Agencies -- As introduced, consolidates provisions governing earthquake and fire drills. Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68.

House Bill No. 1927 -- Physicians and Surgeons -- As introduced, prohibits a healthcare facility, health insurance entity or a mental healthcare facility from discriminating against a physician on the basis of the physician's deciding not to participate in maintenance of licensure or maintenance of certification. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 68.

House Bill No. 2069 -- Public Funds and Financing -- As introduced, requires state treasurer to notify a qualified public depository of the effective date of the depository's withdrawal from the collateral pool for public deposits no less than 45 days, rather than no less than 30 days, prior to the effective date of that withdrawal. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4.

House Bill No. 2116 -- Environmental Preservation -- As introduced, designates an area in Morgan County as the JustBeGreen development area for purposes of sustainable living and sustainable economic development. Amends TCA Title 7; Title 11 and Title 13.

House Bill No. 2202 -- Courts, General Sessions -- As introduced, requires a party that perfects an appeal to circuit court of any multi-party civil case before the general sessions court to serve written notice of the appeal to all other parties if an appeal is not taken by all parties to the case; removes qualification that such notice is only required in cases in which comparative fault is an issue at trial. Amends TCA Section 27-5-108.

House Bill No. 2247 -- Education -- As introduced, requires that each year at least 30 percent, instead of 70 percent, of the items on state assessments in grades 3-8 and end of course examinations in high school be fresh, nonredundant items that did not appear on the tests in the previous two years, instead of the previous four years for grades 3-8 and the previous three years for high school tests. Amends TCA Section 49-1-610.

House Bill No. 2387 -- Consumer Protection -- As introduced, requires the division of consumer affairs of the department of commerce and insurance to study the consumer protection needs of the state and report its findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the consumer and human resources committee of the house of representatives; requires the division to report its findings no later than January 15, 2019, and include recommendations for changes to existing law. Amends TCA Title 47.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 33 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, that **Senate Bills Nos. 2733 through 2738** be passed on second consideration and be referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk, which motion prevailed.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The Speaker announced the following bills passed second consideration and were referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk:

Senate Bill No. 2733 Local bill -- held on desk.

Senate Bill No. 2734 Local bill -- held on desk.

Senate Bill No. 2735 Local bill -- held on desk.

Senate Bill No. 2736 Local bill -- held on desk.

Senate Bill No. 2737 Local bill -- held on desk.

Senate Bill No. 2738 Local bill -- held on desk.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 21, **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 752 through 760**; and **Senate Resolution No. 176** be passed on first consideration and lie over, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker announced the following resolutions were filed for introduction. Pursuant to Rule 21, the resolutions lie over.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 752 by Senator Swann.

Memorials, Death -- Buford Michael "Mike" Helton.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 753 by Senator Swann.

Memorials, Death -- Jerry Hays.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 754 by Senator Swann.

Memorials. Death -- Vernon "Coach O" Osborne.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 755 by Senator Dickerson.

Memorials. Interns -- Robert Austin Anderson.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 756 by Senator Bailey.

Memorials, Retirement -- Jimmy Moore.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 757 by Senator Bailey.

Memorials, Death -- Joe Albrecht.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 758 by Senator Bailey.

Memorials, Sports -- Upperman High School girls' basketball team, 2018 TSSAA State Champions.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 759 by Senator Bailey.

Memorials, Death -- Dr. Alan Tatum.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 760 by Senator Dickerson.

General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Recognizes rare diseases and their negative impact.

Senate Resolution No. 176 by Senator Gardenhire. Memorials, Interns -- Zachary Ryan Watts.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved, pursuant to Rule 21, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 870, 874 and 918 through 920; Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 730 through 751; and Senate Resolution No. 175 lie over and be referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk, which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTIONS LYING OVER

The Speaker announced the following resolutions passed second consideration and were referred to the appropriate committees or held on the desk, pursuant to Rule 21:

House Joint Resolution No. 870 -- Memorials, Public Service -- Representative Jimmy Matlock.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 870 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 874 -- Memorials, Public Service -- Representative Sheila Butt.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 874 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 918 -- Memorials, Recognition -- MasterCraft, 50th Anniversary.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 918 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 919 -- Memorials, Professional Achievement -- Donna Hargrove, President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 919 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 920 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Business Education Partnership Foundation of Rutherford County.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 920 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 730 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Dr. Phillip Kinslow, DVM, Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 730 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 731 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Noel Gray Yelton, Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 731 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 732 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Tim Bell, Larry Griffin Paramedic of the Year.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 732 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 733 -- Memorials, Recognition -- David Collins, 2017-2018 LifeChanger of the Year Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 733 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 734 -- Memorials, Death -- Billy Walker.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 734 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 735 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Knoxville Fire Fighters Association Local #65, 100th Anniversary.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 735 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 736 -- Memorials, Sports -- Webb School of Knoxville girls' basketball team, TSSAA State Champions.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 736 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 737 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Tennessee Theatre, 90th Anniversary.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 737 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 738 -- Memorials, Sports -- Toby Lynch, TSSAA Wrestling State Champion.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 738 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 739 -- Memorials, Public Service -- Allison Chancey.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 739 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 740 -- Memorials, Death -- Phyllis Hopper Naylor.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 740 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 741 -- Memorials, Sports -- Grace Christian Academy of Knoxville boys' basketball team, TSSAA State Champions.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 741 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 742 -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Blanche Bell, 86th Birthday.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 742 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 743 -- Memorials, Retirement -- David Collins.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 743 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 744 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Tennessee Senior Stars.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 744 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 745 -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Cora Lee Eads Weeks, 80th Birthday.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 745 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 746 -- Memorials, Interns -- Jessica Blakley.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 746 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 747 -- Memorials, Death -- George Leonard Bilbrey.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 747 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 748 -- Memorials, Death -- Dr. B.F. Allred.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 748 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 749 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Shelby Hughes Briggs, 2018 Tennessee Tar Wars Poster Contest.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 749 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 750 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Stars of Greene County Schools Award recipients.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 750 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 751 -- Memorials, Death -- Kenneth Reed Duggan.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 751 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 175 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Patrick "Trey" Carter III.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 175 to the Committee on Calendar.

MOTION

Senator Niceley moved that **Senate Bill No. 2210**, as amended, be returned to the House, which motion prevailed.

NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 15, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to request the return of Senate Bill No. 2210, for further consideration.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 15, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bill No. 574, substituted for House Bill on same subject, amended, and passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 15, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bill No. 1805, substituted for House Bill on same subject, amended, and passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 1

Senate Joint Resolution No. 725 -- Memorials, Retirement -- Linda O'Neal.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 728 -- Memorials, Death -- Officer Joseph Bowen.

House Joint Resolution No. 876 -- Memorials, Public Service -- Representative Roger Kane.

House Joint Resolution No. 898 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Bobby O'Jay.

House Joint Resolution No. 899 -- Memorials, Academic Achievement -- Konnor Michael Reese, Valedictorian, Columbia Academy.

House Joint Resolution No. 900 -- Memorials, Academic Achievement -- Katherine Elizabeth Sharp, Salutatorian, Columbia Academy.

House Joint Resolution No. 901 -- Memorials, Retirement -- Calvin Sneed.

House Joint Resolution No. 902 -- Memorials, Sports -- Taylor Mott, 2017 OVC Volleyball Coach of the Year.

House Joint Resolution No. 903 -- Memorials, Sports -- Matt Figger, Austin Peay State University, OVC Coach of the Year.

House Joint Resolution No. 909 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Hillsman Lee Wright.

House Joint Resolution No. 916 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Greater Missionary Baptist Church, 25th Anniversary.

Senator Roberts moved that all Senate Joint Resolutions be adopted; and all House Joint Resolutions be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 2

Objections having been raised, the following bill was placed at the heel of the calendar for Thursday, March 22, 2018, pursuant to Rule 38: **House Joint Resolution No. 641**.

Senate Bill No. 1581 -- Utilities, Utility Districts -- As introduced, clarifies the entities under the jurisdiction of the utility management review board and the water and wastewater financing board. Amends TCA Section 7-82-701 and Section 68-221-1008.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 1581 was made to conform with House Bill No. 1503.

On motion, House Bill No. 1503, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 1581.

Senate Bill No. 1615 -- Workers' Compensation -- As introduced, removes requirement that every workers' compensation insurer that provides insurance for Tennessee workers' compensation claims be required to maintain a claims office or to contract with a claims adjuster located within this state. Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 6.

Senate Bill No. 1719 -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- As introduced, authorizes board of trustees for the Tennessee consolidated retirement system to co-invest a political subdivision's pension plan assets or take custody of such assets under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Section 9-3-507.

Senate Bill No. 1745 -- Utilities, Utility Districts -- As introduced, removes the utility management review board's authority to approve or disapprove corrections made by a public water system of a utility district to comply with federal or state law as a condition for the system to receive a loan from the Tennessee Local Development Authority. Amends TCA Section 7-82-709.

Senate Bill No. 1924 -- Utilities, Utility Districts -- As introduced, clarifies that for the audited financial reports of certain self-sufficient utilities, non-cash charges arising from changes to or the implementation of pension and other post-employment benefit standards promulgated by the GASB are excluded when determining a change in net position. Amends TCA Section 7-82-401 and Section 68-221-1010.

Senate Bill No. 2064 -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- As introduced, revises provisions governing participation in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system by county judges and county officials; makes other revisions regarding participation in the system. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36; Title 8, Chapter 37 and Section 17-2-305.

Senate Bill No. 2141 -- Workers' Compensation -- As introduced, allows farm and agricultural employers to accept the workers' compensation chapter by purchasing a workers' compensation insurance policy; allows a farm or agricultural employer to withdraw acceptance of the workers' compensation chapter at any time by canceling or not renewing the policy and providing notice to its employees. Amends TCA Section 50-6-106.

Senate Bill No. 2189 -- Real Property -- As introduced, prohibits a landlord from using the tenant's email address as provided in the rental agreement for notifications required by the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act if the tenant has rescinded the use of the email address in written notice to the landlord. Amends TCA Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67.

Senate Bill No. 2248 -- Child Custody and Support -- As introduced, conditions courts' authority to order acquisition and maintenance of health insurance coverage under a child support award upon the availability of reasonable and affordable health insurance. Amends TCA Section 36-5-101.

Senate Bill No. 2524 -- Utilities, Utility Districts -- As introduced, authorizes utility districts to enter into contracts or arrangements relating to natural gas with a public corporation that is created under the authority of a contiguous state and that is similar to an energy acquisition corporation created under the authority of this state. Amends TCA Section 7-82-302.

Senate Bill No. 2549 -- Witnesses -- As introduced, prohibits a court from requiring an educator to be a witness in a civil domestic dispute proceeding if the educator's attendance would cause absence from teaching or supervisory duties in a school unless the court determines the educator's attendance is necessary to ensure fairness. Amends TCA Title 24 and Title 49.

Senate Bill No. 2627 -- Mass Transit -- As introduced, requires community engagement in development of a report detailing plans or initiatives to increase public transportation system access and service to economically disadvantaged areas within a transportation authority; requires municipalities to reassess certain delayed projects and prioritize completion if in the best interest of the community. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 56, Part 1 and Title 54, Chapter 4.

Senate Bill No. 2650 -- Taxes, Ad Valorem -- As introduced, directs TACIR to study how to make nontax-producing property held by state and local governments productive. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 2650 was made to conform with House Bill No. 1735.

On motion, House Bill No. 1735, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 2650.

Senate Bill No. 2679 -- Religion and Religious Organizations -- As introduced, extends the prohibition on a governmental entity, other than a court, subpoening a clergy member's sermon or notes for use in a civil or administrative action to also include a prohibition on compelling a clergy member to testify regarding a sermon. Amends TCA Section 4-1-407 and Title 24.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 518 -- Memorials, Government Officials -- Supports construction of interchange on I-24 at Rocky Fork Road in Rutherford County.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 535 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Lang Wiseman, State Board of Education.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 537 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Darrell T. Cobbins, State Board of Education.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 542 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Karen King, State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 545 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Robert S. Eby, State Board of Education.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 554 -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Encourages the bureau of TennCare to improve access to and quality of treatment for eligible Tennessee residents suffering from addiction to opiates and other substances by means of appropriate federal Section 1115 waiver for Medicaid services.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 557 -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Encourages the bureau of TennCare to seek an appropriate federal Section 1115 demonstration waiver in order to expand access to evidence-based home visitation services to the families of babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome or related conditions; encourages seeking additional funding opportunities for the home visitation programs.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 619 -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Urges the Commissioner of the Department of Health to designate Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias as a public health issue.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 627 -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Recognizes the challenges faced by medical professionals and facilities.

Senate Resolution No. 153 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Miles Burdine, Board of Regents.

Senate Resolution No. 156 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Emily Reynolds, Board of Regents.

Senate Resolution No. 157 -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Yolanda Greene, Board of Regents.

House Joint Resolution No. 600 -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Urges the United States Food and Drug Administration to consider making Naloxone an over-the-counter medication.

House Joint Resolution No. 728 -- Naming and Designating -- August 2018, "Shingles Awareness and Improvement Month".

Senator Roberts moved that all Senate Joint Resolutions and Senate Resolutions be adopted; all House Joint Resolutions be concurred in; and all Senate Bills and House Bills be passed on third and final consideration, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

LOCAL BILL CONSENT CALENDAR

Senate Bill No. 2725 -- Alamo -- Subject to local approval, rewrites the charter for the Town of Alamo. Amends Chapter 557 of the Private Acts of 1911; as amended.

Senate Bill No. 2728 -- Giles County -- Subject to local approval, authorizes an advisory referendum relative to debt issue for the construction and renovation of schools in the county.

Senator Roberts moved that all Senate Bills be passed on third and final consideration, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

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Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

MOTION

Senator Yarbro moved that Rules 32, 33 and 37 be suspended for the introduction and immediate consideration of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 777**, out of order, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 777 by Mr. Speaker McNally and Senators Yarbro, Harris, Tate, Kyle, Dickerson and Haile.

Memorials, Public Service -- Senator Thelma Harper.

On motion of Senator Yarbro, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

On motion, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 777** was adopted.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

CALENDAR

Senate Bill No. 1635 -- Election Laws -- As introduced, requires political communications through a social media platform to indicate the person, candidate, or political committee who paid for and, as applicable, authorized the communication. Amends TCA Section 2-19-120.

Senator Yager moved that Amendment No. 1 be placed at the heel of the Amendments, which motion prevailed.

Senator Yarbro moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-120(a), is amended by adding the language ", social media platform," immediately following the language "direct mailing" and deleting the language "subdivision (a)(1), (2), (3) or (4)" and substituting instead the language "subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5)".
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-120(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:
 - (5) Such person is not required to place the disclaimer on an online political advertisement, when including the disclaimer would be impracticable due to size and text limitations, as long as the account posting the advertisement displays the

disclaimer required by this section on its profile or includes a hyperlink to a website containing the disclaimer required by this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

On motion, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

On motion of Senator Yager, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Thereupon, **Senate Bill No. 1635**, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Haile, Harper, Harris, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Swann, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--17.

Senators voting no were: Bell, Bowling, Green, Hensley, Jackson, Lundberg, Pody and Stevens--8.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Bill No. 1790 -- Marriage -- As introduced, requires each applicant be at least 18 years of age before a county clerk can issue a marriage license. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 3 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1.

On motion of Senator Yarbro, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Senator Yarbro moved that **Senate Bill No. 1790** be moved two places down on the Calendar for today, which motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 1824 -- Physicians and Surgeons -- As introduced, prohibits a healthcare facility, health insurance entity or a mental healthcare facility from discriminating against a physician on the basis of the physician's deciding not to participate in maintenance of licensure or maintenance of certification. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 68.

Senator Dickerson declared Rule 13 on Senate Bill No. 1824.

Senator Green declared Rule 13 on Senate Bill No. 1824.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 1824 was made to conform with House Bill No. 1927.

On motion, House Bill No. 1927, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 1824.

On motion of Senator Johnson, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Thereupon, **House Bill No. 1927** passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Ayes								33
Noes								0

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--33.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Bill No. 2306 -- Professions and Occupations -- As introduced, establishes a medical hardship exemption to the requirement that certain licensed professionals who are delinquent or in default on student loan payments have their licenses revoked. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 23; Title 49; Title 56 and Title 63.

Senator Johnson moved that Amendment No. 1 be placed behind Amendment No. 2, which motion prevailed.

Senator Harris moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-309, is amended by designating the language in subsection (b) as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(2):
 - (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), the commission may elect not to suspend, deny, or revoke the registration of a lobbyist if the commission determines that the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-309, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (c)(2)(C)(v):
 - (v) Whether the debtor's default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the debtor from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 23-3-111, is amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

The supreme court is further encouraged to establish guidelines that would not suspend, deny, or revoke the license of an attorney if the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.

- SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, is amended by designating the language in subdivision (d)(2) as subdivision (d)(2)(A) and adding the following as a new subdivision (d)(2)(B):
 - (B) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(2)(A), the state board of education may elect not to suspend, deny, or revoke the license or certificate of a teacher if the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2125, is amended by designating the language in subsection (b) as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(2):
 - (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), the secretary of state may elect not to suspend, deny, or revoke the registration of an athlete agent or applicant if the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2125, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (c)(2)(C)(v):
 - (v) Whether the debtor's default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the debtor from working in the debtor's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-1-109, is amended by designating the language in subsection (b) as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(2):
 - (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), a licensing authority may elect not to suspend, deny, or revoke the license of a person if the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-1-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (c)(2)(C)(v):
 - (v) Whether the debtor's default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the debtor from working in the debtor's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-1-312, is amended by designating the language in subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):
 - (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), a licensing authority may elect not to suspend, deny, or revoke the license of a person if the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-1-312, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(2)(C)(iv):

- (iv) Whether the debtor's default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the debtor from working in the debtor's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-141, is amended by designating the language in subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):
 - (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), a licensing authority may elect not to suspend, deny, or revoke the license of a person if the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-141, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(2)(C)(iv):
 - (iv) Whether the debtor's default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the debtor from working in the debtor's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.
- SECTION 13. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

On motion, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

On motion of Senator Johnson, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Thereupon, **Senate Bill No. 2306**, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

Senator voting no was: Lundberg--1.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

FURTHER ACTION ON SENATE BILL NO. 1790

Senator Haile moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2

AMEND by deleting Section 3 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-106, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

- (a) Notwithstanding § 36-3-105, a minor who is seventeen (17) years of age may petition the juvenile, circuit, or chancery court in the county in which the minor resides for an order granting permission to marry. The petition shall contain the following:
 - (1) The petitioner's name, gender, age, date of birth, address, and how long the petitioner has resided at that address, as well as prior addresses and dates of residence for the six (6) months preceding the petition;
 - (2) The intended spouse's name, gender, age, date of birth, address, and how long the intended spouse has resided at that address, as well as prior addresses and dates of residence for the six (6) months preceding the petition;
 - (3) An affidavit attesting to the consent to marry signed by:
 - (A) Both parents of the petitioner, if the parents are married, the parents are not legally separated, no legal guardian has been appointed for petitioner, and no court order has been issued granting custody of petitioner to a party other than the father or mother;
 - (B) Both parents, if both are living and the parents are divorced or legally separated, and a court order of joint custody to the parents of the petitioner has been issued and is in effect;
 - (C) The surviving parent if one (1) parent is deceased;
 - (D) The custodial parent, as established by a court order which has not been superseded, where the parents are divorced or legally separated and joint custody of the petitioner has not been ordered; or
 - (E) Another person having lawful custodial charge of the petitioner;
 - (4) A statement of the reasons why the petitioner desires to marry, how the parties came to know each other, and how long they have known each other;
 - (5) Evidence of the petitioner's maturity and capacity for selfsufficiency independent of the petitioner's parents and the intended spouse, including, but not limited to:
 - (A) Proof that the petitioner has maintained stable housing or employment for at least three (3) consecutive months prior to the petition; and

- (B) Proof that the petitioner has completed high school, obtained a high school equivalency credential, or completed a vocational training or certificate program;
- (6) Copies of any criminal records of either party to be married; and
- (7) Copies of any domestic violence order or protective order involving either party to be married.
- (b) Upon the filing of the petition for permission to marry, the court shall set a date for an evidentiary hearing on the petition that is no sooner than thirty (30) days but no later than sixty (60) days from the date of the filing.
- (c) The petitioner may be represented by counsel in a court proceeding pertaining to the petition to marry.
- (d) The court shall take reasonable measures to ensure that any representations made by a minor party are free of coercion, undue influence, or duress. Reasonable measures shall include, but are not limited to, in camera interviews.
- (e) Following an evidentiary hearing, the court shall grant the minor's petition for permission to marry if the age difference between the parties is less than four (4) years unless:
 - (1) The intended spouse was or is a person in a position of authority or special trust who by reason of that position is able to exercise undue influence over the minor:
 - (2) The intended spouse has previously been enjoined by a domestic violence order or protective order, regardless of whether the person to be protected by the order was the minor petitioner;
 - (3) The intended spouse has been convicted of a:
 - (A) Criminal offense against a victim who is a minor under § 39-13-111, § 39-15-401, § 39-15-402, or title 39, chapter 13, part 3 or 5;
 - (B) Violent felony offense, as defined in § 40-35-321(e); or
 - (C) Sexual offense or violent sexual offense, as defined in § 40-39-202:
 - (4) The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the minor was a victim and that the intended spouse was the perpetrator of a sexual offense against the minor under title 39, chapter 13, part 5 or title 39, chapter 17, part 10;
 - (5) The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that abuse, coercion, undue influence, or duress is present; or

- (6) The court finds that it would otherwise not be in the minor party's best interest to grant the petition to marry.
- (f) A past or current pregnancy of the minor or the intended spouse shall not be sufficient evidence to establish that the best interests of the minor would be served by granting the petition for marriage.
- (g) The granting of a petition for permission to marry filed under subsection (a) shall remove the disabilities of minority. A minor emancipated by the petition shall be considered to have all the rights and responsibilities of an adult, except for specific constitutional or statutory age requirements, including voting, the use of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations relevant to the minor because of the minor's age.
- (h) The minor shall be advised by the court of the rights and responsibilities of parties to a marriage and of emancipated minors. The minor shall be provided with a fact sheet on these rights and responsibilities to be developed by the administrative office of the courts. The fact sheet shall include referral information for legal aid agencies in this state and national hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault.
- (i) The court may make any other orders that the court deems appropriate for the minor's protection and may impose any other condition on the grant of the petition that the court determines is reasonable under the circumstances for the minor's protection.
- (j) The court may set a fee not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) to file a petition for permission to marry under this section.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-104(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

If either of the parties is seventeen (17) years of age, a marriage license shall not be issued unless:

- (1) The party who is seventeen (17) years of age presents to the clerk a certified copy of a court order that grants the party permission to marry and removes the party's disability of minority, as provided in § 36-3-106; and
- (2) At least fifteen (15) days have elapsed since the court order was granted.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the effective date section and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-104(a)(1), is amended by adding the language "and supported by appropriate documentation" immediately after the language "The application shall be sworn to by both applicants".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-104(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-106, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Sections 7 and 8 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it. All other sections of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Pursuant to Rule 39(3), Amendment No. 2 was adopted by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Ketron, Massey, Norris, Pody, Roberts, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager and Mr. Speaker McNally--20.

Senators voting no were: Harris, Kyle, Lundberg and Yarbro--4.

Senator Kelsey moved that **Senate Bill No. 1790**, as amended, be rereferred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Yarbro moved Senator Kelsey's motion to the table, which motion failed.

Senator Kelsey moved that **Senate Bill No. 1790**, as amended, be rereferred to the Committee on Judiciary, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gresham, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager and Mr. Speaker McNally--25.

Senators voting no were: Harris, Kyle and Yarbro--3.

Senate Bill No. 2675 -- Licenses -- As introduced, requires persons subject to licensure as emergency medical services personnel to notify the commissioner of health of all convictions and pending charges of commission of a felony or misdemeanor within 10 business days of the occurrence of such actions. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 140.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 2675 was made to conform with House Bill No. 2603.

On motion, House Bill No. 2603, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 2675.

Senator Bailey moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2

AMEND by deleting the language ", citations," from the amendatory language of Section 1.

On motion, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

Thereupon, **House Bill No. 2603**, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

MOTION

Senator Haile moved that Rule 83(8) be suspended for the purpose of placing **Senate Bill No. 1790** on the calendar for the Committee on Judiciary for Tuesday, March 20, 2018, which motion prevailed.

CALENDAR

Senator Watson moved that **Senate Bill No. 1754** be rereferred to the Committee on Education, which motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 2023 -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration -- As introduced, authorizes person who is deaf or hard of hearing and who possesses a motor vehicle registration to request notation be made in Tennessee crime information center database that person is deaf or hard of hearing to assist law enforcement in identifying operator of vehicle registered in person's name as possibly being deaf or hard of hearing. Amends TCA Title 55.

Senator Gardenhire declared Rule 13 on Senate Bill No. 2023.

Senator Bailey moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) At the time of initial application for the registration of a motor vehicle under this part, or upon renewal, an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is deaf or hard of hearing may request that the department include such designation in the Tennessee Vehicle Title and Registration System (VTRS) database. The registrant's request must be accompanied by a physician's statement supporting the registrant's request for a deaf or hard of hearing designation. Upon receipt of such a request accompanied by a valid physician's statement, the department shall cause the

registrant's deaf or hard of hearing status to be entered into the VTRS database, and ensure such designation is associated with the applicant's motor vehicle and registration.

- (b) Information submitted to the department under this section shall be supplied to law enforcement to assist in identifying the operator of the vehicle as possibly being deaf or hard of hearing. Information collected pursuant to this section shall only be available to law enforcement for the purpose of ensuring safe and efficient interactions between law enforcement and persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, and shall not be used for any other purpose.
- (c) All law enforcement officers charged with the enforcement of this title shall receive, as part of in-service training, instruction in the identification of deaf or hard of hearing designation included in the VTRS database as provided for in this section.
- (d) The commissioner is authorized to adopt policies and procedures as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

On motion, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Thereupon, **Senate Bill No. 2023**, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 611 -- Constitutional Amendments -- Proposes amendment to Article VI, Section 5 to provide for the selection of the attorney general and reporter for the state with nomination by the supreme court and confirmation by the general assembly, as amended.

Senator Yager moved that the Clerk read the resolution, as amended, which motion prevailed.

The Clerk read the resolution, as amended, for the third time.

Thereupon, Mr. Speaker McNally declared pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 611**, as amended, had been read, for the third time.

Thereupon, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 611**, as amended, was adopted by the following vote:

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Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Haile, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Yager and Mr. Speaker McNally --28.

Senator voting no was: Yarbro--1.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

RECALL OF BILL

On motion of Mr. Speaker McNally, **Senate Bill No. 2518** was recalled from the Committee on Calendar.

REFERRAL OF BILL

Mr. Speaker McNally moved that Senate Bill No. 2518 be referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

CALENDAR

Senate Bill No. 1587 -- Handgun Permits -- As introduced, eliminates the restriction that a law enforcement officer who retires in good standing must have been a state resident at the time of retirement to be eligible for the issuance of a lifetime handgun carry permit for \$100. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 1587 was made to conform with House Bill No. 1566.

On motion, House Bill No. 1566, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 1587.

MR. SPEAKER MCNALLY RELINQUISHES CHAIR

Mr. Speaker McNally relinquished the Chair to Senator Haile as Speaker pro tempore.

On motion of Senator Kelsey, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Thereupon, **House Bill No. 1566** passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yager and Yarbro--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senator Yager moved that **Senate Bill No. 1593** be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 22, 2018, which motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 1612 -- Appropriations -- As introduced, clarifies that funds allocated to the rainy day fund are not counted as appropriations from state tax revenues for the purpose of Copeland Cap compliance; specifies that funds expended from the rainy day fund are counted as appropriations from state tax revenues for Copeland Cap compliance. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 1612 was made to conform with House Bill No. 1562.

On motion, House Bill No. 1562, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 1612.

On motion of Senator Watson, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Thereupon, **House Bill No. 1562** passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Ayes								30
Noes								0

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

MOTION

Senator Norris moved that Rule 19 be suspended for the purpose of considering the Message Calendar next, which motion prevailed.

MESSAGE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL ON HOUSE AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 264 -- Guardians and Conservators -- As introduced, enacts the "Supported Decision-Making Agreement Act." Amends TCA Title 34.

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 34-1-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "Least restrictive alternatives" means techniques and processes that preserve as many decision-making rights as practical under the particular circumstances for the person with a disability.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Senator Massey moved that the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to **Senate Bill No. 264**, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Speaker Pro Tempore Haile moved that **Senate Bill No. 1487**, as amended, be placed at the heel of the Message Calendar for today, which motion prevailed.

Speaker Pro Tempore Haile moved that **Senate Bill No. 1675** be placed on the next Message Calendar for March 22, 2018, which motion prevailed.

SENATE BILL ON HOUSE AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 2071 -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities -- As introduced, requires the department of health to recognize ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) receiving and STEMI referring hospitals; requires ambulance services to develop and implement a protocol for transporting STEMI patients to STEMI receiving hospitals; encourages cooperation between STEMI receiving and STEMI referring hospitals. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 140.

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) The department shall recognize hospitals that meet the criteria of a ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) receiving center or STEMI referring center. Such recognition is limited to inclusion on a list, maintained by the department, of STEMI receiving centers and STEMI referring centers. The list shall be published on the department's division of emergency medical services' website.
- (b) The department may recognize certification or accreditation from a department-approved nationally recognized certifying or accrediting organization, as sufficient to recognize a hospital as a STEMI receiving center or a STEMI referring center.
- (c) To be recognized as a STEMI receiving center or a STEMI referring center by the department, a hospital must submit written notification to the board for licensing healthcare facilities and submit proof that the hospital meets the applicable criteria set forth by a department-approved nationally recognized certifying or accrediting organization.

- (d) If a hospital loses its certification or accreditation, it shall notify the board for licensing healthcare facilities. The department must then remove the hospital from the department's list.
- (e) Each ambulance service shall develop and implement pre-hospital care protocol plans related to the assessment, treatment, and transport of STEMI heart attack patients by licensed emergency medical services personnel. The protocol shall include plans for the triage and transport of STEMI heart attack patients to the closest or most appropriate STEMI receiving center, or, when appropriate, to a STEMI referring center, based on nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. The emergency medical services board has the authority to promulgate rules to implement and enforce this section.
- (f) STEMI receiving centers are encouraged to coordinate, through agreement, with STEMI referring centers throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for acute heart attack patients.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Senator Briggs moved that the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to **Senate Bill No. 2071**, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes								30
Noes								0

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE HAILE RELINQUISHES CHAIR

Speaker Pro Tempore Haile relinquished the Chair to Senator Bowling as Deputy Speaker.

SENATE BILL ON HOUSE AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 1487 -- Senior Citizens -- As introduced, exempts religious organizations and religious institutions that provide limited respite care services programs from licensure for providing adult day care. Amends TCA Title 71.

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 2

AMEND by adding the following as a new subdivision ()(3) at the end of the amendatory language of Section 1, as amended, and appropriately redesignating the subsequent subdivision:

(3) For purposes of this subsection, "religious institution" or "religious organization" means an entity exempt from registration as a bona fide religious institution under § 48-101-502.

Senator Haile moved that the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 2 to **Senate Bill No. 1487**, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes 29 Noes 0

Senators voting aye were: Bailey, Bell, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gresham, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Norris, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Southerland, Swann, Tate, Watson, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--29.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

MOTION

Senator Johnson moved that Rule 83(8) be suspended for the purpose of placing **Senate Bills Nos. 2147, 2172 and 2639** on the calendar for the Committee on Commerce and Labor for Tuesday, March 20, 2018, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

Senator Watson moved that Rule 83(8) be suspended for the purpose of placing **Senate Bill No. 2255** on the calendar for the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means for Tuesday, March 20, 2018, which motion prevailed.

APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Senate Rules 3, 73 and 74, the Speaker announced the appointments for the Senate of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly:

STANDING COMMITTEES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Bell (R), Chairperson; Jackson (R), First Vice Chairperson; Reeves (R), Second Vice Chairperson; Bowling (R), Crowe (R), Harper (D), Pody (R), Roberts (R) and Southerland (R).

JUDICIARY

Kelsey (R), Chairperson; Lundberg (R), First Vice Chairperson; Bowling (R), Second Vice Chairperson; Bell (R), Harris (D), Kyle (D), Reeves (R), Roberts (R) and Stevens (R).

RECALL OF BILL

On motion of Senator Lundberg, **Senate Bill No. 2383** was recalled from the Committee on Calendar.

REFERRAL OF BILL

Senator Lundberg moved that Senate Bill No. 2383 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Dickerson, his name was added as prime sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 1399.**

On motion of Senator Tate, his name was removed as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1399.

On motion of Senator Massey, her name was added as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1494.

On motion of Senators Crowe, Gardenhire, Haile, Hensley, Lundberg, Roberts and Tate, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 1502**.

On motion of Senator Jackson, his name was added as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1587.

On motion of Senator Yarbro, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 1719**; and **House Joint Resolution No. 600**.

On motion of Senator Massey, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bills Nos. 1781**, **2026**, **2257**, **2561** and **2646**; and **Senate Joint Resolution No. 557**.

On motion of Senator Ketron, his name was removed as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1790.

On motion of Senators Hensley and Kelsey, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 1824.**

On motion of Senator Harris, his name was added as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 2023.

On motion of Senator Crowe, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 2059**; and **Senate Resolution No. 153**.

On motion of Senator Briggs, his name was added as prime sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 2165.**

On motion of Senator Green, his name was removed as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 2165.

On motion of Senators Massey and Haile, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 2362.**

On motion of Senator Haile, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 2465**; and **Senate Resolution No. 156**.

On motion of Senator Kyle, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 2627**; and **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 537 and 554**.

On motion of Senators Haile, Jackson and Massey, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 619.**

On motion of Senator Briggs, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 667.**

On motion of Mr. Speaker McNally, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 702, 703, 704 and 706.**

On motion of Senators Briggs, Haile, Kyle, Massey and Yarbro, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 725.**

On motion of Senator Reeves, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Resolution No. 157**.

On motion of Senators Briggs and Haile, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 728.**

On motion of Mr. Speaker McNally; and Senators Briggs and Massey, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 876.**

On motion of Senator Hensley, his name was added as sponsor of **House Joint Resolutions Nos. 899 and 900.**

On motion of Senators Gardenhire and Watson, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 901**.

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Bills Nos. 2141, 2725 and 2728; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Joint Resolution No. 777, and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Bills Nos. 1615, 1635, 1719, 1745, 1924, 2023, 2064, 2189, 2248, 2306, 2524,

2549, 2627 and 2679; and Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 518, 535, 537, 542, 545, 554, 557, 611, 619, 627, 725 and 728; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bill No. 1573, passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bills Nos. 1473, 1551, 1605, 1686, 1976, 1988, 2004, 2014, 2047, 2174, 2175, 2222, 2337, 2342, 2637 and 2693; passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 743, 869, 913, 914, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950 and 951; adopted, for the Senate's action.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bills Nos. 727, 1510, 1515, 1573, 1656, 1665, 1729, 1774, 1995, 2101, 2468, 2472, 2497, 2661, 2667 and 2728; substituted for House Bills on same subjects and passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bills Nos. 2141 and 2725, substituted for House Bills on same subjects and passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolution No. 525, substituted for House Joint Resolution on same subjects and passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 657, 658, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723 and 724; concurred in by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolution No. 777, concurred in by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared Senate Joint Resolution No. 722, and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared Senate Bills Nos. 264, 727, 1487, 1510, 1515, 1573, 1656, 1665, 1729, 1774, 1995, 2071, 2101, 2141, 2468, 2472, 2497, 2661, 2667, 2725 and 2728; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 19, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bills Nos. 1825, 1947, 2396 and 2642; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 600, 728, 876, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 909 and 916; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

SIGNED

March 19, 2018

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: Senate Bills Nos. 1495, 1591, 1670, 1776, 1800, 1815, 1870, 1899, 1973, 2017, 2096, 2239, 2241, 2242, 2246, 2342, 2514 and 2530; and House Bills Nos. 1437, 1478, 1486, 1675, 1784, 1811, 1851, 1944, 1970, 2123, 2128 and 2294.

SIGNED

March 19, 2018

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: Senate Joint Resolution No. 722.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bills Nos. 1495, 1591, 1670, 1776, 1800, 1815, 1870, 1899, 1973, 2017, 2096, 2239, 2241, 2242, 2246, 2342, 2514 and 2530; signed by the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolution No. 722; signed by the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER, Chief Clerk

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 108 and 729, for his action.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: Senate Joint Resolution No. 722, for his action.

ALAN WHITTINGTON, Deputy Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 20, 2018

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to return herewith: Senate Bill No. 1509; and Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 563, 564, 565, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655 and 656; with his approval.

DWIGHT E.TARWATER, Counsel to the Governor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR CONSENT CALENDAR

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, March 22, 2018: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750 and 751; Senate Resolution No. 175; and House Joint Resolutions Nos. 870, 874, 918, 919 and 920.

This the 20th day of March, 2018 ROBERTS, Chairperson

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, March 22, 2018: Senate Bills Nos. 1723, 1789, 1794, 1814, 1900, 1907, 1998, 2003, 2075, 2098, 2174, 2229, 2244, 2247, 2339, 2508, 2573, 2644, 2662, 2682, 2706, 1728, 1840, 1977, 2048, 2099, 2294, 2359, 1593, 1820 and 2528; and House Joint Resolution No. 641.

This the 20th day of March, 2018 ROBERTS, Chairperson

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR MESSAGE CALENDAR

Pursuant to Rule 44, notice has been given on the following bills and they have been set on the Message Calendar for Thursday, March 22, 2018: Senate Bills Nos. 574, 1805 and 1675.

This the 20th day of March, 2018 ROBERTS, Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Norris moved the Senate adjourn until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2018, which motion prevailed.